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MEMORANDUM

June 6, 1959

To: G - Mr. Murphy  
From: EUR - Foy Kohler  
Subject: Discussion with General Norstad: (A) Berlin Contingency Planning;  
(B) French NATO Problems; and (C) Other NATO Country Problems.

A. Berlin Contingency Planning and LIVE OAK

You might wish to outline the current status of contingency planning:

- (1) The US has agreed to tripartite recommendations regarding procedures for identification of Allied surface movements to and from Berlin.
- (2) The final text of the Quadripartite Berlin Airlift Plan has been received and we are studying it. Bonn reports that the military planning is substantially complete with emphasis now on refinement of the basic plan, which involves hastening completion of FedRep ground handling arrangements and construction.
- (3) You might wish to describe briefly the status of the various non-military measures being undertaken.

You might also ask General Norstad about the status of his LIVE OAK planning exercise, and ask whether there is any action we can take to assist him in this operation. You might also ask General Norstad for his views on the following: (1) the use of NATO staff and communications facilities in connection with Berlin surface access probes; (2) his plans for immediate dispatch of tripartite convoys on the autobahn to and from Berlin and of armored personnel carriers both alone and in convoy to establish precedents and work out unforeseen procedural bugs; and (3) Progress on planning for serious use of force to maintain surface access in the event of failure of the probes.

You might also wish to ask General Norstad how he envisages bringing NATO as a whole into the problem. In this connection, General Norstad has sent a message to his subordinate commands which has repeated information to the Ministries of Defence of all NATO countries. In this

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message, General Norstad pointed out that a situation might arise which would make desirable an enhanced state of readiness in Allied Command Europe. He accordingly asked his subordinate NATO commands to study special measures which would constitute a modified state of military vigilance which they could put into effect without unwarranted expense or conspicuous redeployment of troops and could sustain if necessary over a protracted period of time. The results of this review are to be submitted to SHAPE by June 15.

Other questions you may wish to explore with General Norstad as a follow up to the June 5 Contingency Planning meeting with Ambassadors Caccia and Alphand include: (1) Whether his own LIVE GAX planning group and subordinate Air Force Hq have been kept fully abreast of tripartite Berlin air access and airlift planning being conducted at Bonn; (2) his views as to whether public announcement of the intention to give advance notification of allied corridor flights to the Soviet/GDR air traffic control by one of the methods proposed in alternative two of the Bonn tripartite working paper, or some other alternative method, ~~(and the~~ ~~attached would be a useful contribution to maintenance of air safety,~~ (3) progress on planning for measures to be taken in the event of serious interference with out air access to Berlin; and (4) high altitude flights in the Berlin Corridors.

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#### B. French NATO Problems

It is recommended that you discuss with General Norstad the broad problem of dealing with General de Gaulle which is of course primarily a political matter, and present to him your views on the best approach to be taken. It is recommended that you also discuss, in this general context, a number of the specific NATO problems involving the French at this time:

(1) Redeployment of the Nine Squadrons. You might tell General Norstad that we concur in his making a statement to the NATO Council on this problem and in the outline of his remarks which has been submitted

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to us. You might also inquire as to the status of his plans for the permanent redeployment of the squadrons.

You might also inform him that the Acting Secretary believes that no final decisions should be made on permanent deployment until the President's meeting with de Gaulle has taken place.

(2) Withdrawal of French Mediterranean Fleet. You might ask General Norstad for his views on how this question is likely to be resolved, with particular reference to (a) the ad referendum arrangements being worked out between SHAPE and the French Navy and (b) the report which General Norstad is scheduled to make to the Standing Group on the military implications of the French Mediterranean fleet withdrawal.

(3) Likelihood of further withdrawals of French NATO units. We have heard rumors and insinuations of possible further withdrawals of French NATO-assigned or NATO-sarmarked units. You might ask General Norstad for his views on this and on what action we should take in this regard.

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C. Other NATO Country Problems.

Spain. You might ask General Norstad for his views on the desirability of Spanish membership in NATO from the NATO military point of view.

Denmark. You might ask him for his views on recent indications that the Danish Government may be preparing for a change in its position on permitting the stationing of nuclear weapons on its soil.

Canada. You might ask General Norstad for any impressions of his recent trip to Canada, particularly with respect to Canadian views that NORAD might become a NATO command.

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